

ROTARY CLUB OF SWARTHMORE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
MAY 28TH, 2025
5 P.M. VIA ZOOM

In attendance: Marc Berneski, Jane Billings, Brian Casey, Carr Everbach, Rosemary Fox, Lisa O'Mahony, Hillard Pouncy, George Whitfield, Ken Wright, Maria Zissimos

Not in attendance/excused: Elizabeth Church, Joe Lesniak, Lori Markusfeld, Josh Twersky

Resigned from the Board: Sarah Pita

Budget

The treasurer's report showed the organization is on target with this year's budget. The report was approved unanimously; Jane and Joe will work on next year's budget in the coming weeks.

The Board discussed establishing a Venmo account for easier payments, though no final decision was made as it needed to be coordinated with Joe.

Rotary Events Planning and Scheduling

The Club Assembly is scheduled for June 12; members of the SHHS Interact Club will attend. Hillard is working on summer speakers, which will include classification talks by new members.

Ken shared that the Rotary Arts Program will run from September through April, with seven events planned instead of eight, four of which are already filled.

Funfair Review and Fundraising Plans

The group discussed the success of the recent Fun Fair, which met its community benefit goals but did not generate significant profit, with Carr estimating \$5,000 to \$6,000 in revenue. Jane proposed forming a fundraising and events committee to explore additional revenue streams.

Club Service Projects

Lisa reported on various service projects, including Loaves and Fishes, PennDOT adopt a highway, future initiatives for World Mental Health Awareness Day, and additional collaboration with SHHS Interact. It was noted that the Interact Club donated \$1,000 to Project Cure.

Website Updates and Grant Approvals

Jane suggested creating a list of grants awarded on the Club's website.

The Club voted unanimously to approve a \$1,500 grant request from the Park Avenue Community Center for their summer program providing free lunches for seniors.

Scholarship Program Future Review

Jane raised concerns about the future of the scholarship program, noting it was the last year of funding from the Women's Club and suggesting they should discuss continuing the program, given fundraising challenges. The Board agreed to pause the scholarship program announcement on the website.

Community Service Award Selection Meeting

The group approved two nominations for community service awards: Carol Savory and Shannon Elliott.

Lunch Cost and Quality Concerns

Jane discussed the increasing cost of lunch at The Inn at Swarthmore, which is set to rise to \$25 starting July 1. She expressed concerns about the quality of the food and explored options such as switching to a \$20 cold lunch menu instead of the current hot meal. The group debated the value of the current lunch offerings and agreed that the food quality was not worth the price. Jane will meet with Anthony, the club member in charge, to negotiate better options and potentially secure a subsidy from the college.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, June 25 at 5 p.m.